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1. [] INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING I took a call from Dr. Robert Greenburg, Assistant Director to the Deputy Director for Research Engineering, Department of Defense. Dr. Greenburg works in special and advance systems and was interested in setting up a briefing for members of the staff of the House Armed Services Committee on Soviet capability in the high energy laser field. Greenburg had called [] OSI, to set up the briefing and [] referred him to OLC. Staff members to be briefed are Tom Hahn and Harold Rosenbaum. They wanted to have the briefing at Headquarters on Thursday, October 2. I called [] of DDS&T, to find out what this was all about and he told me that [] had received a call from the Committee staff on the same matter. It was decided that [] would do the follow up on this item and I called Greenburg to tell him that we would work directly with the House Armed Services Committee. He was happy to get out of the middle of the matter. He suggested we might want to include Hyman Fine, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, in the briefing. I told him we would throw that into the equation and that he would be getting a call from Mike West, of the House Armed Services Committee staff, once this thing had been worked out.

2. [] LIAISON Met with Representative Dante Fascell (D., Fla.) and left with him the background material on the need for a secret budget. I mentioned to him that the House Appropriations Committee had voted to keep the budget secret and that possibly an amendment to publish the budget would be offered from the floor. He said that I had caught him sort of cold on the subject and he didn't know which way he would go. I pointed out to him the Director's position on the need for keeping the budget secret and the reasons therefor. I also left with him a fact sheet on the House Select Committee impasse. I pointed out to him that the real issue was not passage of information to Congress which we were happy to do, but control of that information once it had been passed. We discussed the [] matter and he stated that he could not see his way clear to change his vote. He thought it was a poor time to bring it up unless the Executive was sure it had the votes. Re: the GAO/ Mayaguez study he said he had not had a chance to talk to GAO and that if we got any further calls from GAO to let him know. Fascell was very amiable and talkative and thanked me for stopping by and bringing these matters to his attention.

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1. (Internal Use Only - PLC) LIAISON Met with Tom Smeeton, House International Relations Minority staff member, and left with him a package for Representative William Broomfield (R., Mich.), for his background use in connection with tomorrow's floor debate on the question of the public disclosure of the Agency's overall budget figure. Smeeton requested another copy for Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.). At his suggestion, I met with Minority staff members, John Holsteine and Allison Brennan, and left similar material for their principals, Representatives John Buchanan (R., Ala.), Larry Winn, Jr. (R., Kan.), and Pierre du Pont IV (R., Del.). I also left the same material with George Armstrong, for Representative John M. Ashbrook (R., Ohio). All staff members indicated that their principals would support the Agency's position. I attempted to contact Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.), but was advised that he would not be in until later tomorrow.

2. (Internal Use Only - PLC) LIAISON Called Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and informed him that in view of the delicate negotiations going on between the President and Chairman Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.), House Select Committee on Intelligence, the Director felt that since Chairman Pike declined the invitation to testify before the Subcommittee that it is best for the Agency to decline since our appearance might exacerbate the situation. Davidson said he understood, however, Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine), was extremely upset this morning in view of Chairman Pike's appearance on television and comments to the press over the weekend. Muskie feels that legislation is necessary to make clear the responsibilities of the Executive branch and the Congress in the exchange of information rather than ad hoc arrangements every time a problem arises. Davidson said they would be calling Pike's office to again extend an invitation to testify. He will call me back as to the outcome of his call. He again confirmed that Muskie only wants a sober examination of the problem and is not interested in headlines.

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STAT 17. (Unclassified - LLM) LEGISLATION Called Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee, (Charles Snodgrass also was on the line) in connection with Chairman George Mahon's (D., Texas) earlier conversation with Mr. Cary, to review the material they would need regarding the Giaimo amendment to the Defense Appropriations Bill. Preston had no problem with the inclusion in our basic material Mr. Colby's letter to the Chairman on the line item proposal. The material requested, along with material also requested of [] IC staff, was also delivered.

STAT 18. (Unclassified - GLC) LIAISON Messrs. Cary, [] and White visited a number of congressional offices to provide them with material of interest to the congressmen on the subject of an open intelligence budget and the facts pertaining to the recent problems with the Pike House Select Intelligence Committee.

19. (Unclassified - GLC) LIAISON Talked with Randal Teague, Administrative Assistant to Representative Jack Kemp (R., N.Y.), several times during the day to provide him with information for the Congressman's use in the debate on the Giaimo open budget amendment which is to be offered tomorrow.

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